

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for ~~applying~~ executing multiple a plurality of different operations for execution on one or more selected files of a plurality of files in a data processing system single file displayed on a graphical user interface, the method comprising:

~~associating a different operation with each of a plurality of inputs;~~

a file control associating a distinct visual display feature with each of the plurality of different operations, wherein the file control directs specific visual features and operations to files, wherein each operation performs a specific operational task on a selected one or more files;

receiving a selection of selecting a first input to apply a first operation to be executed on a first one or more files the single file;

receiving a first operation to be executed on the first one or more files;

~~selecting a file display for the single file on a graphical user interface (GUI) to associate the selected first input with the single file;~~

the file control presenting applying a first distinct visual feature to each of the first one or more files, wherein the first distinct visual feature is associated with the first operation in a first portion of the file display of the single file;

receiving a selection of a second one or more files;

receiving a second operation to be executed on the second one or more files;

the file control applying a second distinct visual feature to each of the second one or more files, wherein the second distinct visual feature is associated with the second operation and is different from the first distinct visual feature; and

~~selecting a second input to apply a second operation to be executed on the single file; reselecting the file display for the single file to associate the selected second input with the single file; and~~

~~presenting a second distinct visual feature associated with the second operation in a second portion of the reselected file display of the single file such that the first distinct visual feature is also being presented.~~

the file control in response to receiving a single command to execute the first and second operations, executing the first and second operations on the first and second one or more files, respectively.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein each distinct visual feature~~[[s]]~~ ~~[[are]]~~ is uniquely color-coded, and wherein each different color corresponds to a specific operation, the method further comprising:

simultaneously viewing all pending operations by reviewing the different color-codings of the first one or more files and the second one or more files.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein each ~~[[the]]~~ distinct visual features is a unique ~~[[are]]~~ geometric pattern~~[[s]]~~.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of ~~inputs~~ different operations are selected ~~icons-on-the~~ via a graphical user interface (GUI).

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) A computer-system-for-applying-multiple-operations-for-execution ~~on-a-single-file-displayed-on-a-graphical-user-interface,~~ the data processing system comprising:

a processor;

a memory coupled to the processor;

a non-volatile memory;

a file control for directing specific visual features and operations to files, the file control having computer logic for:

a monitor for displaying a file display for a single file in a graphical user interface (GUI);

a plurality of inputs, each input being associated with a different operation to be applied to the single file, each different operation being associated with a the file control associating a distinct visual display applied to the file display for the single file feature

with each of a plurality of different operations, wherein each operation performs a specific operational task on a selected one or more files; [[and]]
receiving a selection of a first one or more files;
receiving a first operation to be executed on the first one or more files;
the file control applying a first distinct visual feature to each of the first one or more files,
wherein the first distinct visual feature is associated with the first;
receiving a selection of a second one or more files;
receiving a second operation to be executed on the second one or more files;
the file control applying a second distinct visual feature to each of the second one or more files, wherein the second distinct visual feature is associated with the second operation and is different from the first distinct visual feature;
the file control in response to receiving a single command to execute the first and second operations, executing the first and second operations on the first and second one or more files, respectively.

~~an input device for selecting the file display for the single file in the GUI in a first instance after engaging a first input and reselecting the file display for the single file in a second subsequent instance after engaging a second input from the plurality of inputs; wherein a first operation to be applied for execution on the single file is associated with the first input and a second operation to be applied for execution on the single file is associated with the second input, and wherein a first portion of the file display of the single file presents a first distinct visual feature associated with the first operation, and wherein a second portion of the file display of the single file presents a second distinct visual feature associated with the second operation.~~

9. (currently amended) The ~~computer~~ data processing system of claim 8, ~~further comprising:~~

~~an execution unit for executing wherein the execution of the first and second operations are processed, via the file control, on the single file according to a pre-determined execution order for the first and second operations.~~

10. (currently amended) The ~~computer~~ data processing system of claim 8, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ each distinct visual features ~~[[are]]~~ is uniquely color-coded, and wherein each different color corresponds to a specific operation, the data processing system further comprising:

simultaneously viewing all pending operations by reviewing the different color-codings of the first one or more files and the second one or more files.

11. (currently amended) The ~~computer~~ data processing system of claim 8, wherein ~~each~~ each ~~[[the]]~~ distinct visual feature~~[[s]]~~ is a unique ~~[[are]]~~ geometric pattern~~[[s]]~~.

12. (currently amended) The ~~computer~~ data processing system of claim 8, wherein ~~each of~~ the plurality of ~~inputs~~ different operations are selected ~~ieons on the~~ via a graphical user interface (GUI).

13. (currently amended) The ~~computer~~ data processing system of claim 8, wherein the ~~first one or more files are identified as single file~~ is a sensitive files stored in the non-volatile memory, and the first operation is a delete operation selected for deletion.

14. (currently amended) The ~~computer~~ data processing system of claim 13, further comprising:

re-formatting wherein the sensitive file ~~[[is]]~~ erased from a hard disk on a computer by re-formatting only the specific areas of the non-volatile memory identified as storing the one or more files, on the hard disk that had stored the sensitive file wherein the re-formatting is performed as ~~[[via]]~~ multiple successive overwrites of those disk areas using opposing bit patterns~~[[,]].~~

15. (currently amended) A computer program product, residing on a computer readable storage medium, having a plurality of instructions embodied therein, the plurality of instructions, when processed by a processing device, allows a machine to ~~or applying multiple operations for execution on a single file displayed on a graphical user interface, the computer program product~~ comprising:

~~computer program code for associating a different operation with each of a plurality of inputs;~~

~~computer program code for associating associate, via a file control, a distinct visual display feature with each of a [[the]] plurality of different operations, wherein the file control directs specific visual features and operations to files, and wherein each operation performs a specific operational task on a selected one or more files;~~

~~computer program code for selecting receive a selection of a first input to apply a first operation for execution on the single file a first one or more files;~~

~~receiving a first operation to be executed on the first one or more files;~~

~~computer program code for selecting a file display for the single file on a graphical user interface (GUI) to associate the selected first input with the single file;~~

~~computer program code for presenting apply, via the file control, a first distinct visual feature on each of the first one or more files, wherein the first distinct visual feature is associated with the first operation in a first portion of the file display of the single file;~~

~~receive a selection of a second one or more files;~~

~~receive a second operation to be executed on the second one or more files;~~

~~apply, via the file control, a second distinct visual feature to each of the second one or more files, wherein the second distinct visual feature is associated with the second operation and is different from the first distinct visual feature;~~

~~in response to receiving a single command to execute the first and second operations, execute, via the file control, the first and second operations on the first and second one or more files, respectively.~~

~~computer program code for selecting a second input to apply a second operation for execution on the single file;~~

~~computer code for reselecting the file display for the single file to associate the selected second input with the single file; and~~

~~computer program code for presenting a second distinct visual feature associated with the second operation in a second portion of the reselected file display of the single file such that the first distinct visual feature is also being presented.~~

16. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein further comprising computer program code for executing the first and second operations on the single file are processed according to a pre-determined execution order ~~for the first and second operations.~~

17. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein [[the]] each distinct visual feature[[s]] [[are]] is uniquely color-coded, and wherein each different color corresponds to a specific operation, the plurality of instructions further comprising:
simultaneously view all pending operations by reviewing the different color-codings of the first one or more files and the second one or more files.

18. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein each [[the]] distinct visual feature~~[[s]]~~ is a unique [[are]] geometric pattern~~[[s]]~~.

19. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 15, the plurality of instructions further comprising:
re-format only the specific areas of memory identified as storing the one or more files, wherein the re-formatting is multiple successive overwrites using opposing bit patterns, wherein the first one or more files are identified as and second files are both sensitive files stored in a memory, and wherein the first operation is a delete operation, selected for deletion.

20. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein each of the plurality of inputs different operations are selected ~~icons on the~~ via a graphical user interface (GUI).

21. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the execution of the first and second operations is processed, via the file control, according to a pre-determined execution order.

22. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the first one or more files are identified as sensitive files stored in a memory, and the first operation is a delete operation.

23. (new) The method of claim 22, further comprising, re-formatting only the specific areas of memory identified as storing the one or more files, wherein the re-formatting is multiple successive overwrites using opposing bit patterns.